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TAGS: CASC, SA

SUBJECT: SAUDI VISA FOR JOSEPH KRAFT

REF: A) JIDDA 1294; B) STATE 054125

1. I RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH SAQQAF LAST NIGHT (MARCH 23). HE ASKED IF KRAFT WEREN'T THE ONE I HAD INQUIRED ABOUT EARLIER. I TOLD HIM HE WAS; AND KRAFT WOULD NOW LIKE TO COME OUT TO THE KINGDOM IN MID-APRIL.

2. SAQQAF SAID HE HAD READ KRAFT'S WRITINGS AND ASKED IF I REALLY THOUGHT HE SHOULD COME. I SAID I DID. SAQQAF WAS SURPRISED; HE SAID KRAFT HATED PRESIDENT NIXON AND WOULD DO EVERYTHING HE COULD TO DESTROY THE DEVELOPING GOOD RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE ARABS. I SAID KRAFT DID INDEED APPEAR TO OPPOSE THE PRESIDENT, BUT I THOUGHT HE WOULD BE OBJECTIVE IN HIS MIDDLE EAST REPORTING. IN ANY CASE, KRAFT COULD NOT BE EXPECTED TO BE OBJECTIVE IF HE HADN'T SEEN THE ARAB COUNTRIES. SAQQAF ASKED ONCE AGAIN IF I WERE SURE I WANTED HIM HERE. I REPEATED THAT I DID AND THAT, FURTHERMORE, SO DID THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. I HAD JUST RECEIVED AN INSTRUCTION (REF B) ASKING ME TO TRY TO GET A VISA FOR HIM.

3. SAQQAF SAID HE WOULD TAKE CARE OF THE MATTER.

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4. I WOULD NOT OBJECT TO YOUR PASSING ANY OF THE  
ABOVE TO KRAFT IF YOU WISH; BUT SUGGEST THAT YOU  
NOT DO SO UNTIL WE SEE IF THE VISA IS ACTUALLY  
ISSUED. IF I'VE HEARD NOTHING, I WILL TAKE THE  
MATTER UP WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY VISA PEOPLE IN  
THE NEXT FEW DAYS.  
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